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SUBJ: SISMIK RETURN TO ISTANBUL

REF: ANKARA 3043

- 1. FOLLOWING ABSENCE OF ONE WEEK SISMIK I RETURNED TO ISTANBUL APRIL 27. ACCORDING TO KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCE SISMIK HAD MADE "QUICK" VISIT TO TURKISH NAVAL SHIPYARD AT GOLCUK LOCATED SEA OF MARMARA ABOUT 90 MILES FROM ISTANBUL.
- 2. THIS WOULD ACCORD WITH NEWSPAPER REPORT LAST WEEK THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SISMIK HAD BEEN SENT TO GOLCUK SHIPYARD FOR "FURTHER UPKEEP" (SEE REFTEL). APRIL 28 NEWS STORIES REPORT SISMIK HAS COMPLETED HULL AND MACHINERY MAINTENANCE AT GOLCUK. HULL IS FRESHLY PAINTED WHICH TENDS TO CONFIRM THESE REPORTS.

2. SEVERAL ISTANBUL NEWSPAPERS CARRY THAT STORY, REPORTEDLY BASED ON INFORMATION FROM MINENERGY OFFICIALS, THAT SISMIK

WILL RETURN TO AEGEAN ON MAY 1. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, SISMIK FOUND EVEIDENCE OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES AT FIVE LOCATIONS IN NORTH AEGEAN DURING ITS FALL 1976 SURVEY. PROJECTED VOYAGE REPORTEDLY TO CONDUCT FURTHER STUDIES OF THREE OF THESE LOCATIONS WHICH APPEAR PARTICULARLY PROMISING. OGDEN

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